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\$11 million in federal grants awarded to 15 rural Washington infrastructure projects
Grants range from \$90,000 to \$1 million for vital community improvements throughout the state

Olympia, WA – The [Washington State Department of Commerce](http://www.wa.gov/departmentofcommerce) today announced 15 cities and counties that will receive a total of more than \$11 million in federal general purpose Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for 2012. The 15 projects were selected from 36 grant applications requesting over \$30 million. The selected projects will improve rural community water, sewer and street systems; housing rehabilitation, fire protection and community facilities.

2012 Washington Community Development Block Grants: Award List:

- Town of Almira - \$1 million for water storage reservoir replacement
- City of Bridgeport - \$1 million for wastewater treatment facility improvements
- Douglas County/Greater Bar - \$1 million to consolidate 3 small water systems and provide a distribution system and reservoir
- City of Granger - \$1 million for wastewater treatment facility improvements
- Town of Lone - \$1 million for wastewater treatment facility improvements
- Klickitat County/Klickitat - \$1 million to rehabilitate community center
- Town of Hatton - \$925,000 for water distribution system upgrades
- City of Hoquiam - \$900,000 to demolish, replace and expand Eastside Fire Station
- City of Mabton - \$759,000 for wastewater treatment facility improvements
- City of Newport - \$750,000 for street and sidewalk improvements
- Thurston County/Olympia - \$604,002 to construct a commons facility to support permanent housing units for the homeless
- City of Chelan - \$490,000 to rehabilitate a historic downtown building for a public library
- City of Tekoa - \$464,498 for sewer line and roadway surface replacement
- Town of Cusick - \$97,500 for street, path and park renovation
- Cowlitz County/City of Kelso - \$90,000 for roof replacement and upgrades to an apartment complex serving adults receiving mental health services

The state's CDBG program targets assistance to benefit lower income persons in rural areas. Larger cities and counties receive their own entitlement funding directly from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Since 1982, the state CDBG program has awarded more than \$446 million in grants to over 1,200 locally prioritized community development projects. Funding for these important community projects continues to be under pressure from federal budget reductions. In the past year the program was reduced by 14%.

For more information about CDBG General Purpose Grants, go to www.commerce.wa.gov/cdbg.

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